



GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN

Isa. 49:25; Prov. 15:3

Miss Nita Mayfield



God bless our service men
On every isle, land and sea;
They are fighting for America
And our personal liberty.

God bless our service men
Who come from every walk of life.
Lord, give them strength and peace.
Lord, keep them while on the other side.

God bless our service men
Of every color, race and creed.
Dear Father, speak peace when there is
fear,
And supply their every need.

THE GROUND OF

EPH 2:20

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"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him," Nahum 1:7.

ITIM 3:15

February 26, 1941

TESTIMONIES FROM THE NORTHWEST BIBLE AND MUSIC ACADEMY LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA

I praise the Lord for the "haven of rest" that Bible School has been to me. I have found a much deeper walk with God and closer communion with Him here in Bible School. I praise Him for the many blessings He has given me, even though I am unworthy.—Mrs. David Isaacs.

I count it a great privilege to be in the Northwest Bible School. Here we can study God's Word, and prepare ourselves for a greater work for Him, when we are called into His vineyard. Pray for me that I will stay in the center of His will.—Joseph Byre, Selboy, S. D.

Greetings in Jesus' name. I really can say that it is a grand privilege to be here in Bible School and study God's inspired Word and enjoy the fellowship of these fine students and

the faculty.—Arthur Jensen, Noonan, N. D.

I praise God for His great love for me. He has blessed me in a wonderful way since I have been in Bible School. Truly this is the place to become better equipped for the Master's work.—Martha Leicht, Tolstoy, S. D.

I certainly am a privileged child of God to be here in Bible School again this year. God's blessings have been poured out, even in classes, in a wonderful way. I am trying to prepare myself for the Master's work.—Laura Todd.

As a senior of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy, I would like to say, I am certainly glad that I do have the privilege of attending Bible
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My new address for this year is Box 17, Lewiston, Idaho, or 919 Seventh Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Idaho.

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The Sabbath Day Cessation

PAUL CLAUDIUS BUCHER

This appears in scripture as the day of God's rest in the finished work of creation. Genesis 2:2,3, "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." For 2,500 years of human life absolutely no mention is made of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath was again revealed in Exodus 16:23, "And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the Holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning." Also read Neh. 9:13,14. Here we have the confession of the priests and Levites. "Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant." It was made part of the law. Exodus 20:8-11, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." It was made a sign between Jehovah and Israel, and a perpetual reminder to Israel of their separation to God. Exodus 31:13-17, "... for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; ..."

The Sabbath day was observed with complete rest. Exodus 35:2,3, "... whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death," and the punishment for even gathering sticks on this day was death. Numbers 15:32-36.

The Sabbath day was never made a day of sacrifice, worship, or any manner of religious service. It was simply and only a day of rest for man and beast, a provision for man's needs. Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath," Mark 2:27. In the days of Jesus Christ on earth, the law was found to be invaded by rabbinical teachings, Matt. 12:2, with things unknown to the law. That was the reason Jesus was called a Sabbath breaker by the religious authorities.

The Sabbath will again be observed during the kingdom age. Isa. 66:23, "And it shall come to pass, that from new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."

The Christian first day perpetuates in the dispensation of grace the principle that one-seventh of the time is especially sacred. There is a contrast with the Sabbath. One the Sabbath day, the other the first. The Sabbath commemorates God's creative rest, the first day Christ's resurrection. On the seventh day God rested, on the first day Christ was ceaselessly active. The Sabbath commemorates a finished creation, the first day a finished redemption. The Sabbath was a day of legal obligation, the first day one of voluntary worship and service. The Sabbath is mentioned in the Acts only in connection with the Jews, and in the rest of the New Testament but twice. Col. 2:16, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days." Heb. 4:4. In these passages the seventh-day Sabbath is explained to be to the Christian not a day to be observed but a type of the present rest into which he enters when he ceases from his own works and trusts Christ.

Under the new law or covenant in Jesus Christ, we have a law more comprehensive, which reveals a rest through a new heart. This disqualifies the deity to the slavery of the carnal nature. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil. The change of the day from the seventh to the first did not originate with any Catholic Pope. This was in action by

the early Church long before any Catholic or Protestant church existed. The church fathers will bear testimony to this fact in history, the great and wonderful change from law to grace, the new dynamic power issuing from a pure holy heart. There is bound to be some recognition of this truth by the born-again Christian, made possible from Calvary's crimson flow, and the glorious resurrection on the first day of the week brings to a believer's life the rest of God's Son. He imputes to us through love that speaks louder than words. Mark 12:30,31, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first Commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these." The control of divine love in the Christian's life is the greatest; on this hangs all the law and the prophets. Matt. 22:40, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." The law and the blood of animals failed, but the blood of Jesus will atone for sin. John 3:16, "For God so loved, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Hebrews 8:6, Jesus Christ "is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Heb. 8:13, "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." In the sacrifice of Jesus Christ by His blood, we can ask for help in time of need. Heb. 9:15, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

Ephesians 2:15, "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances." In Romans 13:8-10 we read, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law... Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

In the 9th verse of Roman 13, the commandments for Old Testament are given us to obey, "For this, Thou

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Currency Circulation

Pathfinder reports that there is now \$20,500,000,000 in circulation, which is \$250,000,000 more than in 1942. Inflation is feared as a result.

Prayer Conferences

The states of Georgia and Virginia have recently conducted several days each in prayer conferences of the ministry of each state. I have not had a report from Virginia as to results. One pastor in Georgia reported twenty saved and five baptized with the Holy Ghost one Sunday. Another reported twenty-eight saved, twenty-one sanctified, and ten baptized with the Holy Ghost in one week. Yet another, twenty-eight saved, sixteen sanctified, and fifteen baptized with the Holy Ghost. The state overseer cried, "Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!" Praise God! The revival is on. Any pastor who, with his church, will pray through, can have an old-time revival.

Navy Chaplains

At least some have resigned rather than arrange for dances and brawls when ships arrive at port. Some chaplains believe their influence is worth more than to engage in such sinful practices, and, since they represent spiritual things, that they have no place or part in such gatherings. Unfortunately it is if the Navy has chaplains for other reasons, or put upon them work other than that of a spiritual nature and advice. It lowers public opinion, as well as the usefulness of such men. Men who take seriously the idea of God and His promises, can have no confidence in a chaplain who does not wholly represent God and refuse the things of the world.

Bible Sent by Mother Saves Son's Life

A steel-sheathed Bible sent Lieutenant Robert Leer Turner, 21-year-old bombardier, by his mother, who lives in Atlanta, is credited with having saved his life. The Bible was sent in a Christmas package mailed last October by Mrs. Ermyne Slider.

Lieutenant Turner, whose home is in Millersburg, Ky., had carried the Bi-

ble in his left breast pocket since its receipt in England. On a recent raid on Germany, several flak fragments lodged in the Bible. On his return to the base, the bombardier declared: "I can thank the Lord for my life," according to an Associated Press dispatch.

13,000 Reported Slain

LONDON, Jan. 29—(AP)—More than 13,000 citizens of Sarny, a town in old Poland recently recaptured by the Red Army, were slain by the Germans, the Moscow radio said Saturday. The broadcast, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, said the atrocities included "23 men killed in a Gestapo torture chamber, two Orthodox priests smothered with tar and burned to death on a bonfire, 1,000 youths driven away to slavery in Germany and 400 houses burned."

CIO and Religious Education

From Newark, N. J., comes word through RNS that the CIO has voiced its disapproval of religious education for children in public schools. The claim is that it is the work of the churches. Such protest will have to be measured by the background of the society making the complaint. It is reasonable that education should take into account the possibility of God.

Another Educational Viewpoint

While the CIO has refused education in public schools, and one minister branded it as "un-American," Miss Dorothy Calvert Black, principal of Brownell Hall, Omaha, told the annual council of Nebraska Episcopal diocese that, "a great many young people of the day face the world without faith in God or religion because of the squeamishness of the schools regarding the Bible." Our nation was founded upon those principles of our forefathers who were seeking religious freedom, and to insist upon our children being taught that there is a God is certainly not un-American. Those who oppose the Bible in our schools are un-American in purpose as compared with the intent of our forefathers.

Cleveland Mayor Urges Bible Reading

Mayor Frank J. Lauche, of Cleveland, Ohio, in a proclamation, designating Feb. 13 to March 5 as Cleveland Bible Crusade Weeks, said:

"I urge the people of our city to read their own sacred scriptures with renewed understanding and interest for a greater appreciation of, and faith in, the spiritual values our armed forces are fighting for on a hundred battlefronts throughout the world."

The Rev. G. Bruce Cameron of the American Bible Society, New York, there to direct the crusade, said it was planned to have more than 100,000 persons per day reading a chapter in the book of St. John.

Silken Palace

Dr. James C. Hollenbeck has quoted an INS report relative to payment of rent of the "mystery occupant" in the amount of \$6,000 daily. The dispatch runs, Cairo, Dec. 8—International conference cost a lot of money. Official figures revealed today regarding the two historic meetings held at Mena House just outside Cairo disclosed the following: Rental of hotel—\$340 daily. Meals and other accommodations for conferees—\$6,340 daily. Rental of 43 villas needed by the various delegations—\$12,000. Rental of a so-called "silken palace" for an unidentified occupant—\$6,000. The British Government paid the bills. The question is, who was the "silken palace" occupant? Mention was made of Ibn Saud, of Saudi Arabia; also Ismet Inonu, President of Turkey; other Near East leaders were also mentioned. All, however, were eliminated as unlikely. This party that the "Office of War Information" carefully guarded his name that it be kept secret, has been mentioned by Mr. Hollenbeck as a strong possibility that it was none other than Prince Abdul Baraba Baha of Syria. A short history of this man is given by Dr. Hollenbeck in his book "The Super Deceiver," a 64-page book for sale by the Publishing House here for \$1.00.

Religious Enthusiasm

Private Raymond J. Hagberg, 23, of Minneapolis, a marine in the South Pacific, has named his tank "Faith" and has placed on its turret the shield and cross of the Christians of the Medieval Holy War. He conducts Bible classes in his unit, which are always followed by lively discussions.

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"BUT... IF..."

By MERRILL H. EVE

In Daniel 3:16-18 we read, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. BUT IF not, be it known unto thee, O king, we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

I am sure you remember the story, these Hebrew children forbidden to worship God at all, commanded to bow down to the popular idol, ordered to join the multitude in acclaiming an earthly king, to the degradation of the King of their hearts, with a burning fiery furnace in front of them as the only alternative to obedience. But get the ringing answer of these three Hebrew children: "Our God is able to deliver us! More than that, if He does not deliver us, our faith is unshaken and not at an end. If He does not deliver us, we are still not going to worship your idol. We still believe our God." Praise the Lord!

Note that splendid protest. Let it sink into your mind and heart. Our God is able and will, but if He does not, we still reconcile His will entirely supreme. If He does not do just what we thought He was going to do, we still believe in Him, even though we have no visible evidence of sense to support our faith. Have we such a protest today among God's children to the idols of this world? I honestly doubt it.

In the days of trouble we are in and have ahead, all with their perplexing experiences, remember that His promises of life are essentially larger than any meaning of ours. It will fill our hearts with peace and stability, if we let it, and help us to be able to say, when things baffle our understanding, "But if not, Lord, I still trust Thee to deliver me, to explain Thyself to me, to vindicate me. And if not, I am as truly Thine as ever I was, as truly Thine in the darkness of unsympathetic home, as truly Thine in the darkness of sin of this world, as truly Thine, my God, in the darkness as I am Thine in the

light. But if not...."

Disappointed faith tests the entire quality of the man who professes the faith of God. A man, who, being disappointed in his experience, nervously begins to pity himself, when God contradicts his expectation and longing, his faith is staggered and backsliding sets in. Many, for the sake of their own peace, are willing to accept a shallow answer to any great question, in whom disappointment soon becomes disbelief. The inevitable tests of life reveal them all. Many such folk have become utterly despondent, and ultimately deserters, all because things did not happen just as they thought they should. The person who does not stand firmly with God and for Him, when he has only His promises to stand on, soon loses the power of vision.

But there are, thank God, folk who have learned to say courageously as with the Hebrew children, "But if not.... there shall be no deviation from the path of duty. But if not.... if no ecstatic joy fills me, if no revival results appear in my work, I mean to go on to the end and do things as they come. If I do not get the sunshine in all its full orb'd light upon my life, I mean to follow the gleam which I have already seen! If I cannot see the distant scene, I can at least see one step."

I am sure we can see many things for lessons in the fiery furnace and this experience of deliverance. First, there was vengeance in the fire. The three Hebrew children were cast into the fire but were unharmed; in fact, not a single hair was singed, nor was the smell of smoke upon them. The flames slew the men, however, that threw them in. That was vengeance of true retribution. Those who sought to slay were put to death by their own weapon. It is always thus. Haman who builded a gallows for another was hanged on it himself. Tongues that wag in gossip will be wagged at in fiery gossip. "I will repay," saith the Lord, and He does, most completely in His own will and time and place.

Secondly, there was companionship

in the fire. The scripture tells us that the king saw four men in the furnace instead of the three that had been thrown in. The fourth, he says, was like the Son of God. The literal rendering is this, "The form of the fourth is like the Son of God," who in verse 28 of Daniel 3 is spoken of as "the angel." This is without a doubt the angel of the covenant who appeared to Abraham at Mamre, to Joshua at Jericho, of Gideon at Ephraim, and to David at the threshing floor. This angel was not just an ordinary angel or messenger of angelic rank, sent from God, but a manifestation of God Himself. I feel confident in asserting it was none other than the LORD JESUS CHRIST, before the Bethlehem incarnation. The birth of Christ was an incarnation. It was God who came down to share the sufferings of His people. He was in the beginning and certainly had every right to be in the fire in the furnace.

Thirdly, there was freedom in the fire. Daniel 3:25 says, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking LOOSE in the fire." It is a remarkable thing that though the furnace was heated seven times its normal heat, the only thing the fire consumed were the bonds that bound the three men. The cords alone were destroyed. Freedom from the binding of sin is what God can do for every one that believeth.

And then, fourth, there was contentment in the fire. After the king spoke to the men, they came out of the furnace. They did not attempt to escape although they were loosed and walking in the fire. They waited to be called forth out of the flame. Why? Because every true child of God is content to be in the fire of persecution and tribulation because of the companionship they have in the fire—the LORD JESUS CHRIST, God Himself. There was perfect freedom and companionship in the fire. Glory!

Fifthly, there was no harm in the fire. All those of the wicked hosts before the furnace gathered together and saw the three men whose bodies were not harmed by the fire. God did not restrain the flame but He kept them from harm in the fire. Such is true for us today, God will not usually destroy or take completely away the fires but will take us through them. He has the valleys and floods but they do not overwhelm for He takes us through. God's

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Preachers, Declaring All the Counsel of God Is Your Responsibility

By MRS. WALTER A. DAUGHDRILL

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Preacher, do you tell your congregation they can't live without committing sin? Remember, 2 Peter 3:16 tells us that they that are unlearned and unstable, wrest (or twist) unto their own destruction some of the scriptures. We've heard people say, "Oh the heart has to be pure but this old body will sin right on." But, brother, Paul said every sin that a man doeth is without the body. In 1 Thess. 5:23 he prayed for our spirit, soul, and body to be preserved blameless. How long? Unto the coming of the Lord. 1 John 3:6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." Verse 8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Verse 9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." The seed, the Holy Ghost, is in him and as long as he walks after the Spirit and not after the flesh, he won't sin. The Spirit of God never led a person into sin. I did not put that in the Bible and I won't take it out. If I did, my part would be taken out of the Lamb's book of life. And I'm not adding eternal security to it either. If I did, the plagues would be added unto me. What plagues? Study Revelation, 15th chapter, and don't fool yourself into thinking that the 16th chapter has been fulfilled either. It is yet in the future.

I've heard a number of people say Revelation wasn't meant for us to understand. The word "revelation" means something revealed, and a blessing is given to those who read the book of Revelation and that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein.

I could write hours and hours longer on what God meant for His ministers to do and preach. I wish I had a chance in some of your pulpits for a few services and could explain some scriptures that you are afraid to bear down on just as the Bible gives them. But some of your congregation haven't had enough milk and could not take spiritual meat, and I couldn't preach to them the second time, for Paul said the time would come when some would not endure sound doctrine. Jesus said we would be put out of the synagogue. They wouldn't accept the great Three-in-One. The Holy Ghost is the third person in the Godhead. Has He testified (St. John 16:26),

given utterance (Acts 2:4), magnified God (Acts 10:46), prophesied (Acts 16:63), or fallen on you or your congregation as He did on the one hundred and twenty at the beginning (Acts 3:11-15)? If not, go back to Jerusalem and tarry until ye be endued with power (to declare the whole counsel of God) from on high.

Let's get on fire. He said His ministers would be a flame of fire. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." If you are just lukewarm, He will spue you out of His mouth. Many have stayed in a lukewarm condition so long that He has spued them out of His mouth and they are not aware of the fact. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end are the ways of death, you know.

Now he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Remember to declare the whole counsel. If every preacher explained to his congregation just what God says about tithing, our nation might not have the curse of war, pestilences, and diseases in it today. Study Mal. 3:6-18 and Matt. 23:23 and all the other scriptures on this subject, and preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season. And what did Jesus and James tell their followers to do in case of sickness or affliction? Doctors and medicine were put here by our Lord and if you can't pray the prayer of faith, use them if you wish. But who is responsible if we can't pray the prayer of faith?

Have you ever told your members that Phil. 1:27 says our conversation must be as becometh the gospel? and 3:20 tells us our conversation is in heaven? and 2 Peter 3:11 teaches us to let our conversation be holy? Let's confess our faults (not the other person's) and pray one for another, that we may be healed. James 5:16. There are more foolish conversations today than ever in all the earth, and the Word says the thought of foolishness is sin. If our time was spent giving thanks to God instead of foolish jesting which is not convenient

(Eph. 5:4), our young people would not spend any time with comic books and the funnies. John tells us in Rev. 22:15 that whosoever loveth and maketh lie will be found outside the gates of heaven. If your people didn't love lies, they would not spend so much time seeing and reading fiction. Whether ye eat, whether ye drink, or whatsoever ye do, DO ALL to the glory of God.

Can you use tobacco to the glory of God? A man once told me that God put it here for us to use, but he didn't get that out of God's Word. No, tobacco is not mentioned in the Bible, and I feel sure that if it had been necessary for the good of our bodies, God would have mentioned it somewhere. If you say you can feel the Spirit of the Lord with a cigarette between your lips, you had better try the spirits.

Preachers, do your women wear modest apparel and bring up their little girls in the way they should go? or do they know the Bible teaches them to dress as becometh holiness? Do they know that Paul told his congregation in 1 Cor. 11:15 that if a woman has long hair it is a glory to her? I'd rather have God's approval on my head than the approval or admiration of all the world. There are exceptions. Some women's hair won't grow long, but God understands all about that.

Preachers, are your sermons deep enough and do they have enough fire about them to draw your members close enough to God to realize the Word teaches "Owe no man anything"? If this gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.

Another great thing of importance is prayer. Are you praying or doing anything for the Jewish people who are in your reach? God said He would bless those who bless the Jews, and curse those who curse the Jews. I can feel the glorious spiritual uplift when I really pray for them to accept the true Messiah, and the mighty power of God courses through the avenues of my very soul when I mail gospel tracts printed especially for them to see clearly that our blessed Christ is their Christ too, if they will only believe on His dear name.

Preachers, walk (meaning advance) in the light lest darkness come upon (Continued on page 15)

JERUSALEM

J. B. CONNOR

God has impressed me to send forth this information on the Holy Land for I feel that we are near the blessed day for the Lord our God to lift up His almighty hand and take us out of this Egypt sand, into the land flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. Ezekiel 20:6. Therefore, it is time that we were casting away every man the abominations of the eyes, and be not defiled with the idols of Egypt: if we walk the holy hill with Jesus in the millennium.

It is indisputable that it's near the day for the Lord to inherit Judah his portion in the Holy Land, and choose Jerusalem again. Zech. 2:12. Jesus has fixed it that we may inherit the portion with Him. Will it not be a grand home-coming, in Jesus' home land?

Jerusalem will be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein; and the lord will be unto her a wall of fire round about and will be the glory in the midst of her. Dear reader, would you like to live in her? Then deliver yourself from dwelling with the daughter of Babylon. Let go of the world, Brother; in Christ you have peace, in the world you have tribulation. St. John 16:32.

Zechariah called Palestine the holy land, the Prophet Ezekiel called it the glory of all lands, therefore the Jews have gone home to stay. That is what will bring Jesus back—the blood and cry of the Jews, for some of them do know their God.

On the west side of the temple in Jerusalem there is a celebrated stretch of ancient masonry 156 feet in length by 59 feet in height, known as the *Jews' Weeping Place*. Thither every Friday afternoon about four o'clock multitudes of Jews and Jewesses assemble, and, with tears in their eyes, solemnly repeat the seventy-ninth Psalm and the Lamentations of Jeremiah, and pray for the restoration of the temple.

In their prayers to God they lean against the weather-beaten blocks and kiss and caress them, sometimes

tucking in between the stones old rags and pieces of paper on which are inscribed their vows and petitions. It is said that they have perpetuated this custom without interruption since at the latest the twelfth century A. D. Having been forbidden for centuries to enter the temple area itself, they sit and stand for hours and repeat their well-known litany, for the temple is desolate. God surely will soon give ear to their prayers. Psalm 79, "O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them. We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us. How long, Lord? wilt thou be angry forever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low. Help us, O God, for our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? Let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee, according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die; and render unto our neighbours sevenfolds into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord. So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thanks forever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations."

God will soon give ear to the Jews' prayers and destroy the heathen in and around Jerusalem. This is why God impressed me to remind the

tribes of the earth, as they mourn, about wonderful Palestine of old and of today. God help us to fix our eyes on Christ, looking forth to the blessed day that is near when we shall tread the holy hills of Judah, with Jesus our friend, and all the good old prophets of old in the millennium.

Jerusalem is sacred to the adherents of three great religions—the Jews, the Christians, and the Mohammedans. The Jews and Christians call the city by its old name, Jerusalem. To the Mohammedans it is Elkudus, the sanctuary; and on the sign above the square stone railroad station by the Jaffa gate, remains that name in Arabic characters. To Mohammedans, Jerusalem is one of the ten sacred cities, ranking next to Mecca and Medina. Toward it they used to face whenever they prostrated themselves in prayer, just as now they face the city of Mecca. They have called it the very center of the earth. Jerusalem is perhaps the only city on the whole earth where Jewish, Christian and Moslem pilgrims meet.

Jerusalem may be reached by rail. It stands on a plateau, about 2,500 feet above the sea. It is nearly surrounded by deep ravines. To the east is the Kedron Valley, beyond which the Mount of Olives rises 200 feet above the city itself. To the west and south is the Wadi el Rababi, the ancient hinnom, meeting the Kedron near the southeast corner of the city. The plateau, sloping slightly to the southeast, now seems like a nearly level plain, but in reality the city stands upon five hills.

Revival

OCILLA, Ga.—The Lord is blessing us in Ocilla. We have the loveliest little church in the State. We are over the top with all our state budget and having a good time in the Lord.

We have just closed a wonderful revival with Sister Bessie Collins doing the preaching. Six were saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and eight to be baptized in water. The church was greatly revived. Everyone who attended these services was greatly encouraged to do more for the Lord. We are in great need of a church building here. Pray that the Lord will open the way for us to have one soon.—Freeman S. Smith, pastor, Rt. 2, Box 24.

God's Letter to Man

RICHARD HILL

(Condensed from "The Fields" in *The Christian Digest*)

Mr. Boreham in one of his books says: "An acorn is a wonderful thing—it is a pocket edition of a forest. You may count how many acorns there are on an oak tree, but you can't count how many oak trees are in an acorn. *Space* is a wonderful thing—it is the tabloid of infinity. *Time* is a wonderful thing—it is a tabloid of eternity. The *Bible* is a wonderful thing—it is a pocket edition of the highest life of everything and of the thought of God."

What is the Bible? It is not merely a book, but a vast library that slowly grew through 1,600 years of history, its writers drawn from diverse sources—kings, herdsmen, prophets, fishermen, priests, physicians, etc.

Many today think that there is a conflict between the Bible and science; not so—true science always agrees with the truth; sometimes science is a little slow in catching up with the truth but ultimately the Bible and science agree.

John Wesley said a very profound thing about the Bible. It is one of the shortest arguments for the Bible I know of. "It must be," he said, "the invention of either good men or angels, bad men or devils, or of God. It couldn't be the invention of good men or angels for they neither could or would write a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, 'Thus saith the Lord.' It could not be of bad men or devils for they would not and could not write a book which commands all duties, forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to a lost eternity. Therefore, we must admit it is from God."

An atheist said to an old Christian one day, whom he found reading the Bible, "How do you know that book is the word of God?" "He told me so Himself," replied the Christian. "Who told you so? How can you prove that?" "Can you prove there is a sun up there in the sky?" asked the old man. "Of course I can, the best proof is that it warms me and that I can see the light." "Just so," was the reply, "The best proof that that book is the Word

of God is that it warms me and lights my soul."

The amazing thing about this book is not its diversity, but its unity. What is the secret of this structural, historical, prophetic, doctrinal and spiritual unity? There is only one answer. Christ is the theme and all the writers endeavor to reveal Him and bring out some outstanding moral and spiritual perfection of His.

In the Old Testament He is *predicted*, *presented* in the four Gospels, *proclaimed* in the Acts, *possessed* in the Epistles and *predominant* in the Revelation.

In the Old Testament the Christ of prophecy coming, in the Gospels the Christ of history dying, in the Acts the Christ of experience saving, in the Epistles the Christ of Resurrection energizing and indwelling, and in the Revelation the Christ of glory reigning—the Bible speaks of Christ from first to last.

But there are three simple tests you can put to a book to see if it is a book for the ages:

FIRST—Its *saleability*, how does it sell? It has been on the printing press since 1450, over 600,000,000 have been printed, over 30,000,000 last year, its nearest competitor had a million and a half sales.

SECOND—How long does a book hold its *popularity*? Think of the best seller ten years ago, forgotten completely today; this book for 1,900 years has held its own and is being more widely read today than any other book.

THIRD—Test of its *translatibility*. Homer has been translated into 20 languages, Shakespeare into 40, but this book has been translated into over 1,000 languages and dialects. A recent writer in a magazine, writing about Jesus, said, "Whatever He might have done for the moral and spiritual redemption of man, He has done nothing for art, for," he went on to say, "He had never written a poem or composed a symphony, or painted a picture or written a book." This is true. He never composed a symphony

but His Church is the only religion that has music in it and when melody mounts to the highest measure, it celebrates the Oratorio Messiah. He never painted a picture, but around His cradle and His cross the great artists of the ages have gathered. I grant you He never wrote a book, but the greatest book in the world is written about Him and the literature of the world is greatest when it derives its inspiration from the Book which He gave.

Would you know the foundation of civil government? Then read the works of Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel.

Would you know the power of song to inspire to valor and comfort the sorrowing? Then read the Psalms of David, sweet singer of Israel.

Would you know the glory of God to be revealed on earth? Then read the noble sermons of Isaiah, the inspired prophet.

Would you know the story of the most marvelous life ever lived? Then read the biography of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—Jews, all of them.

Would you know the grace of God? Then read letters of that master theologian and mighty missionary, Paul.

Would you know the future? Then read Revelation.

Would you own the greatest circulating library in the world? Then buy a Bible, the best seller in the world, and learn to know the way of salvation, the purposes of God as to the world and the future, and the Lord Jesus Christ as the personal Savior.

News From Springfield, N. C., Church of God

We are glad to report that we still can have victory if we pray. Amen. We ask that you pray for us that we will make progress both in the Lord and our church work. We are going to try, by the help of the Lord, to build a parsonage and have it paid for before the Assembly. That may sound very boastful but we have a vision in the Lord.

We do not have any debt against the church. We also have a bus for the church. It is paid for. We have a membership of about sixteen. All things are possible with the Lord. Pray for us at Springfield.—W. W. Jones, Laurel Hill, N. C.

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

GREAT REVIVAL IN HAITI Reopening of Churches Proves Great Blessing

On invitation from His Excellency Elie Lescot, President of Haiti, Reverend J. H. Walker, General Overseer, Reverend E. C. Clark, Chairman of the Mission Board, and I arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on November 23, 1943, for the final arrangements for the reopening of the Churches of God in Haiti. The Haitian Government had made a thorough investigation and it had proven that the closing of our churches was caused by mistaken identity.

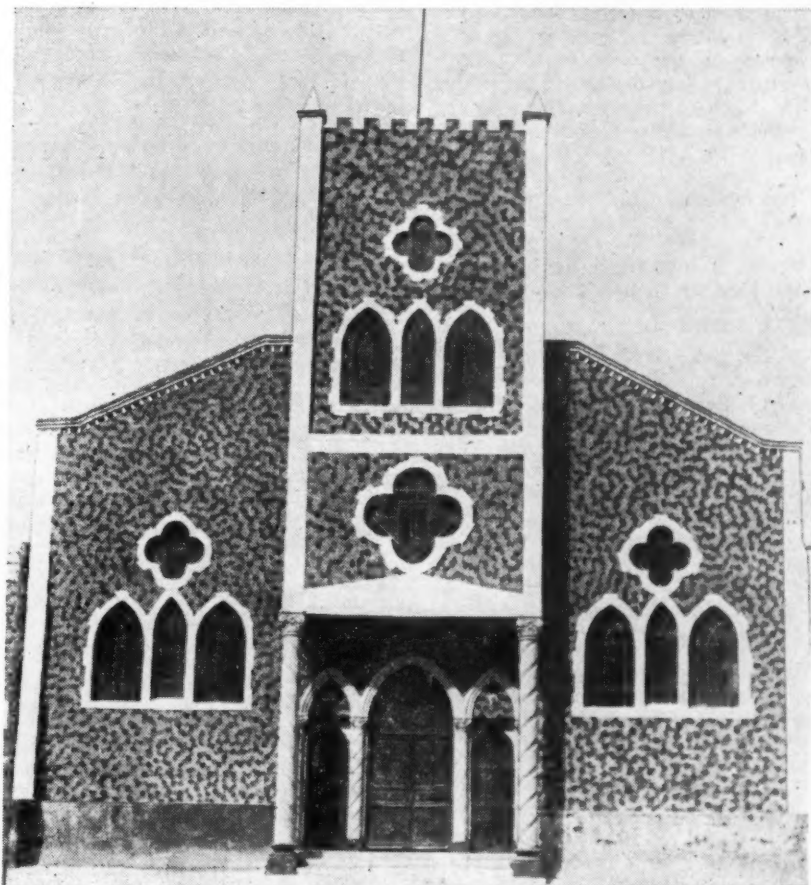
The President, as well as thousands of his subjects, had been stricken with influenza prior to our arrival, but His Excellency Mr. Gerard Lescot, son of the president and Secretary of State and of Religion for the republic, received us very cordially for an interview and expressed the Government's appreciation for the good work our churches have done in their republic. On November 30, 1943, the Secretary of Religion gave us a written permit to reopen our churches, giving us the same guarantee of freedom of worship that other religious faiths in that country have.

One of the leading daily papers of Port-au-Prince, *LeMatin*, later carried a news item headed "The Church of God" and stated that we were resuming activities with the authority of the Government. Of course, this was received enthusiastically by the many thousands of members and friends of the Church of God and one of the greatest problems in reopening the churches was how to handle the throngs of people who would come out for the occasion.

This is a great victory for the Church of God and we highly appreciate the courteous manner in which the Haitian officials handled the situation after they were acquainted with the facts. I think I express the sentiment of the entire committee when I say that we hold the officials of Haiti

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MEXICAN CONVENTION, APRIL 25-30, 1944



The Mexico Convention, April 25-30, 1944, is to be held in the beautiful and commodious temple pictured above. The picture does not do justice to the beautiful stone front, and the interior is more beautiful still. It is estimated that the temple will seat five thousand people and is located in Mexico City, D. F.

Brother Ruesga, the overseer of the work there, insists that we have at least a few automobile loads or a train carload of preachers to go down for the convention. This would be a wonderful opportunity, especially for the ministers who are near the Mexican border. If you are interested in going and are not acquainted with the procedure for getting a tourist permit, write to the Mission Department of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, and we will be glad to give you the necessary information.

I am expecting this to be one of the grandest occasions on history in Mexico, and I think you would have a greater interest in the mission work if you could get down there and see what God is really doing for those precious people.

Make your plans early to go and enjoy this great feast.

M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to undertake for three urgent cases.—Mrs. W. M. Hollor, Smyre Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

The saving of Mr. Schmitt, East Lansing, Mich., of a stroke.—A friend, Lansing, Mich.

The Lord to heal my body, I have T. B. and other ailments; my little five-year-old boy to be healed of kidney trouble; my mother to be healed of high blood pressure and stomach trouble.—Mrs. Rinda Collier, Fleming, Ky.

The healing of my body; my son in service.—Mrs. M. Shewsbury.

Rader Robinson to be healed of some kind of spells.—A sister in the Lord.

Sister Ewell to be healed of a severe stroke; my wife to be healed of an affliction; my father to be healed of cancer.—Anton Meyer, pastor, Lewistown, Montana.

The healing of my body, I am suffering with gallstones and the doctor said the only chance is an operation, but I know the power of God is sufficient.—Mrs. I. M. Knight, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

The Lord to heal my body of heart trouble and gall bladder trouble; the complete healing of my son's body, he has been released from service.—Mrs. J. B. Bond, 16 Magnolia St., Cocoa, Fla.

Our pastor, Rev. F. C. Dozier. He needs prayer for his body, he is under quite a strain for this valley; his son who is a Coast Guard in Florida and is not well; Sister Dozier.—Mrs. Viola Yancey, 422 W. Stubbs, Edinburg, Tex.

The Lord to heal my daddy's foot, it has been very sore about eight months and he suffers so much with it, also pray that he will be healed of other ailments and his soul will be saved; me to be completely healed.—Pauline Carroll, Gen. Del., Lancaster, Calif.

The healing of my son who is having heart attacks, especially that God will save his soul.—Mrs. J. A. Muncy, Hixson, Tenn.

The healing of my brother in the hospital at Lexington.—Teamus Head, Box 252, Jellico, Tenn.

Please pray that my wife will come back to God. I am following God and am an official of the Service Men's Christian League.—A Sailor Seabee.

My neighbor who is in the hospital with T.B. to be healed and saved; unspoken request; my body.—Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo 11, Ohio.

My two sisters to be healed; God to undertake for my home; unsaved son in service.—Mrs. C. E. Mills, Jacksonville 2, Fla.

Me and my family to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Irene Stanley, Monroe Ave., Bedford, Va.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. J. D. Honeycutt, 70 Second St., Wadesboro, N. C.

Mr. Summers who is an invalid to be healed. His right limb has no flesh on the bone from his ankle for about two inches. He was injured in a coal mine thirty-five years ago and it has been growing worse, but since coming into the Church of God he can walk. My little boy who has sinus trouble to be healed.—Mrs. J. F. Keller, Rt. 1, Hillsboro, Ind.

My baby girl to be completely healed; my healing. — Myrtle McKenzie, Rome, Miss.

The healing of my body; my lost parents and loved ones.—Mrs. Clara Wiggins, Iron City, Ga.

My son who is oversea.—Maggie Ramey, Rt. 1, Lanford, S. C.

My mother, Mrs. Reney Tipton, who is sick with heart trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. Virgie Schweigert, Box 532, Glasgow, Mont.

My son in service in a hospital to be healed; my mother who is in bad health; my other son in service.—Mrs. W. T. Sparks, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

The healing of my son and his baby girl.—Mrs. W. E. Ricketts, Booneville, Miss.

Me to be healed of rheumatism; my three boys in service. — Mrs. F. R.

Kratz, 506 Kress St., Houston 10, Tex.

Me to be healed of sugar diabetes; my home.—Mrs. W. J. Findley, Rt. 1, Box 219, Gardendale, Ala.

God to undertake for my sick sister; our home.—Josephine Peterson, Miami, Fla.

The healing of Brother Ervin Vermillion, Red Jacket, W. Va., of cancer; Sister Martha Tate, Newtown, W. Va., to be healed of something like rheumatism, she has been bedfast a long time.—P. W. Herman, pastor, North Matewan, W. Va.

The complete healing of my nephew of tumors on his intestines.—Miss Sallie Thomas, 507 W. Hill, Valdosta, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of sinus trouble.—Mrs. Mellicue Townley, Rt. 2, Box 22-A, Bland, Va.

God to heal my afflicted body, I have been bedfast five weeks with an excited nerve in my back, and other troubles; unspoken request. — Mrs. Grace Haynes, Elberton, Ga.

Me to be healed of tumor; my husband to be healed of rupture.—Mrs. Robert Childs, c/o Cotton Mill, Elberton, Ga.

The healing of my body of a serious ailment. I have been living for God over sixty years.—Rachel Thomas, Ben Wheeler, Texas.

The healing and saving of a neighbor who has been very ill and near death several times in the last few years but whose greatest trouble is soul sickness.—Sister G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and heart trouble. — Mrs. Clem Talley, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Special request, God knows.—Grace Grant, South Carolina.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Anna Cox, Belton, S. C., who has had a stroke of paralysis and lost her sight.—Mrs. Hubert McGarity, Sevierville, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Leona Tharp, Rt. 2, Box 36, Tutwiler, Miss.

The Lord to heal my husband.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

My grandsons, also other boys, in

service, that God will keep them and bring them back home safely; my sons.—Mrs. C. A. Holland, Maud, Okla.

The healing of my body; my sons in service.—Mrs. Jack Carter, Rt. 1, Piedmont, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of T. B.; my son who is missing in action that he will find the light of the way to our blessed Savior.—Mrs. Grace Santo, Gen. Del., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Lord to heal me of a breaking out; my son oversea that I will hear from him and that he will be kept safely.—Mrs. Mattie Chalk, Box 14, Star, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Clarence Hughes, 182 2nd St., N. W., Barberton, Ohio.

My healing, I have been sick a long time and am getting weaker each day. Encouragement appreciated. — Sister Anna Boyer, Box 2428, Tucson, Ariz.

My son to be healed of epilepsy, he has ten to twelve a day and the doctor has given him up; my salvation, I am not saved.—Mrs. Rosa Rice, Cashiers, N. C.

God to undertake for me.—Miss Elsie Gass, 501 Tusculum Blvd., Greeneville, Tenn.

The healing of little Louise Raines, she was seriously burned about a year ago and is still in a very serious condition. Louise is still expecting the Lord to heal her but she gets so discouraged and impatient and her faith is so weak. Any Church of God preacher who lives in or close around Barberton, Ohio, will you please visit her and her mother, whose address is Mrs. May Raines, 366½ Newell St., Barberton, Ohio.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of appendicitis.—Mrs. Willard Forrester, Rt. 2, Culberson, N. C.

The Lord to heal my wife's neck; the healing of Mr. T. H. Pederson's foot, which is badly injured.—W. A. Campbell, Rt. 2, c/o Mrs. R. C. Barrett, Travellers Rest, S. C.

The healing of a cousin, Clyde Vaughn, Trenton, Tenn., who got seriously injured in the mines. The doctor says he can live only a short while but we have been praying for him and

the Lord blessed him and saved his soul; the healing of Garfield Linder, Monterey, Tenn., and his mind to be restored.—Rev. Winston Hargis, Mead, W. Va.

OBITUARIES

LYNCH

Mary E. Lynch was born November 21, 1867, and died February 12, 1944; age seventy-six years, two months and twenty-two days. She was a minister in the Church of God for twenty-four years, and it can truthfully be said of her that "she hath done what she could." Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and Rev. W. H. Gann, with burial at Thomaston, Ga.—E. J. Boehmer.

BROWNFIELD

In memory of Rayford Doil Brownfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brownfield, who went to be with Jesus February 3, 1944; age twelve years and eleven months. He was a sweet little boy.—Miss Fannie Cornellison, Rt. 1, Fackler, Ala.

GIPSON

Mrs. Dora Gipson, a charter member of the Falling Water, Tenn., Church of God, was born September 26, 1894, and went to be with Jesus December 30, 1943; age forty-nine years.—Rev. Howard J. McGee, pastor, Rt. 1, Hixson, Tenn.

BLACKWOOD

Mrs. Mary Kate Blackwood, a faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Olive, Tomnolen, Miss., for twenty-four years, went to be with Jesus January 19, 1944; age eighty-five years. She was the mother of Rev. Robert E. Blackwood and grandmother of Roy E. Blackwood.—W. E. Blackwood, Tomnolen, Miss.

ROBINSON

In loving memory of Mother Robinson:

Two years have passed since that sad day

The one we loved was called away; God took her home; it was His will, But in our hearts she liveth still.

—Her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Lester, 76 C. St., Jacksonville, Ala.

SANDERSON

In loving memory of our darling

baby, Charles Leon, who was born December 30, 1943, and passed away December 31, 1943. Pray for us.—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sanderson, Shamrock, Texas.

MARSH

Mrs. Pearl Marsh was born 1889 and went to be with Jesus February 7, 1944; age forty-four years, three months and eight days.—Ivan R. Stone, Camden, Ohio.

LEADINGHAM

William Cisco Leadingham, Comfort, W. Va., was born August 9, 1919, and was killed in a slate fall at Red Parrott Coal Company, mine No. 2, January 8, 1944. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Leadingham, a minister of the Church of God, who is at the present time pastoring the Church of God at Monclo, W. Va. He married Edna Weaver, Comfort, W. Va., November 27, 1939, at Grayson, Ky. He leaves his wife Edna, two children, Karen Lou and Richard Allen; his parents, four brothers, James, of the Navy, Charles, Billie and David at home, and six sisters, Irene Wiseman, of Akron, Ohio, Ruth, Ellouse, Patsy, Edith and Jessie Rose at home.

Formerly a Greyhound bus driver, Cisco was widely known and loved by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all.—From loved ones, Comfort, W. Va.

Successful Revival

W. KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—We have just closed the second successful revival here at West Knoxville Church of God since the Assembly. Brother S. C. Chambers conducted the first meeting, in which fifteen were filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen came into the church.

Sister Florence Kinsley was evangelist in the last revival. About fifteen were saved, twelve sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. There was not a dull service in the three weeks. We had crowds; on week ends we could not accommodate the crowds. Finance was good. Sister Kinsley said she received the second largest offering here at the W. Knoxville Church of God in her eighteen years in service. God is blessing in every department of the church. Pray for us here.—G. C. Hamby, 402 S. Leslie St.

Those who are able to reach God will have no trouble reaching men, and those who reach men without first reaching God will do men no good.

News from the Field

He Was, With Us in a Great Way

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—Praise God for victory over sin. We are serving a great God. I praise God for a few of His children here at Towes Chapel. He was with us on Saturday night, January 1, in such a way you could almost see Him. It was our Y.P.E. service. We have always been willing to let the Lord have His way, but, praise God, we have more determination than ever. I thank God because He answers His Son's prayer. How I praise Him for the Holy Ghost. I also praise God for the Church of God; I love the Church

and its teachings. I really praise and thank God for our good pastor, Brother Arthur Temmis, and family.

We have a pretty little church and all the church property is paid for. Pray for our church, also pray a special prayer for my loved ones out in sin.—G. W. Fowler, R. F. D. 3.

Determined Not To Give Up

GRAPEFIELD, Va.—Just a few words concerning the church at Grapefield, Va. Last July there was a church set in order with ten members, by the writer. Just after the Assembly we planned to dedicate the church—November 7—but on November 1

the church was burned. This building wasn't completed but we were having some good services in it. We were just determined not to give up. After much prayer and consideration we believed the Lord wanted a church there. Now we are paying for material for a new church. We have cinder blocks bought and our plans are to have a nice block church at Grapefield, Va., by our state convention time. We have over half of this church paid for and our material is being placed on the ground. When you pray remember this place.—J. B. Holcomb, pastor.

God's Light Is Shining Here

SANTA ANA, Calif.—We praise the Lord for what He is doing for this place. We began to have cottage prayer meetings and tarrying before the Lord at the church about

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH



Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Church of God has gone over the top this year in a great way. We are no longer on Seven Hundred but are on Eighth Street with a new church building and almost a new setup. Altogether this is a pic-

ture of our new outfit on Sunday, December 19, 1943, so you folks who know this church can read and see that we are getting along all right.—Your brother in Christ, J. W. Pritchard, pastor.

November 1. The Holy Ghost began working and unsaved people and backsliders began to cry out to God and pray through. God spoke to Brother Harvey Steinberg and wife and they came just a few days before Christmas. The flu broke out about that time, but God used them in bringing the gospel in sermon and song. Up to this date twelve or fourteen have prayed through and a goodly number are still seeking God. This church has a very small membership, but they are gold and God's light is shining out through their lives. Some fine folks are now giving support to the church at this place and will soon cast their lot with us. Please pray that we will stay humble before God and see many souls saved this year.—C. E. Banks, pastor, Rt. 2, Box 953.

I Just Trusted God

CLIMAX, Ga. — Dear Evangel Readers, I praise God for His blessings just recently received. After about eight weeks' suffering, Brother and Sister Weeks, our dear pastor and his wife, came and prayed with me and the Holy Ghost came down and blessed us in a wonderful way, though the enemy afflicted my body again. I still trusted God to heal me, so He laid it on Sister Irene Deloch to take a handkerchief and have it anointed and prayed over. She obeyed the Lord. When I got it I was very sick and weak. I began to feel the presence of God as I broke the letter. I said, "Praise God for His children at Manatee, Florida." I said to my unsaved mother, "I feel the presence of God." She said, "I must go, I will see you later." I slipped down beside my chair for I was very weak, and the Lord came on the scene. I really believe I had gall bladder trouble but, thank God, I have been improving ever since I laid the anointed cloth on my body. Praise His holy name. I am gaining my strength right along.

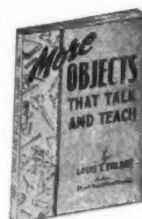
Later at Bainbridge the Lord really blessed me in my body again. Praise His name. He shall have all the praise because I know it is real. I didn't go to a doctor or use any remedies; I just trusted Him.

I want to be ready when He comes or calls for me. I want to live a life that my loved ones and friends can see Jesus in my life. Hallelujah! He means everything to me. I am so glad He looked down on me to save my soul

from a life of sin and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and He still abides in my soul today. I don't have a desire to turn back. I just want to press forward and be humble.

I thank God for my good brothers and sisters at Manatee, Fla., here at Bainbridge, Ga., and elsewhere. I praise God for every one and for that love that flows from heart to heart. Pray for my unsaved companion and our loved ones. I have an unsaved mother, father, and four sisters. Remember them in prayer, that they will see the way before it is too late. I love the little Church of God here at Bainbridge. I am in this way by

choice. Bless His name. I am glad to know of her doctrine. Pray for me to be humble and do what God wants me to do.—Fannie Lee Tomlinson, Rt. 2, Box 204.



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NORTH GREENVILLE CHURCH OF GOD



ROY E. DOUGLAS, Pastor

BEHOLD! What the Lord hath done at the North Greenville Church of God, Greenville, S. C., under the leadership of Rev. Roy E. Douglas and the cooperation of the good people there. Pictured above is the new church that was built in 1943 and was dedicated by Rev. Earl P. Paulk on November 14, 1943. The auditorium is 40x65 with a two-story educational plant 36x48, which includes six classrooms, small auditorium 17x32, pastor's study, nursery, ladies' lounge, and men's and ladies' rest rooms. The auditorium has sky-blue cathedral glass; the aisles, rostrum and altar are covered with beautiful carpet, which was put in by the L.W.W.B. The building has a floor space of 4,745 square feet. Also, we have put in a warm-air heating plant.

Two and one-half years ago, when Brother Douglas and his faithful wife came to the church, it had only sixty-three members, paying a very small sum in tithes; but in these two and one-half years the membership has gone to 165 and the church has been paying good for the past two years. Instead of being a mission, it is one of the best of churches. Oh well, you can tell by the pictures that God has been with us.—C. J. Hester.

BUT . . . IF

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miracle here was on the men and not on the fire. Their bodies showed no effects of the fire. Not even a hair was singed, not a single scent of smoke upon them. Remember, child of His, He does not always deliver us from our circumstances, but will deliver us from ourselves and make us independent of our circumstances.

Oftentimes we think that the Lord intends to kill us, but He is just burning up the chaff. Many will be in the Great Tribulation period who will go through the fire unscathed. There will be a remnant of the covenant people who will be protected. Others will have been taken out of this great wrath to come. The two witnesses have power over the fire. The Antichrist tries to kill them but they are immune from death.

There was no harm in the fire. Do not forget that when people try to burn you, they just burn themselves. If you try to fight back you will lose out. The remarkable thing is that the miracle as I mentioned before was on the men and not on the fire. God did not touch the fire. Do not always think deliverance must come in your prescribed manner. God has His way and place, and outcome. Is not that enough? But . . . if . . . not!

Sixthly, there was vindication in the fire. Any true minister and assembly will stand the assaults of the enemy. If God be behind the work, it cannot fail. Gamaliel gave some good advice to the members of the Sanhedrin when they were waging war against the disciples. He said, "Let those men alone. If this work be of men it will come to naught, but if it be of God ye CANNOT overthrow it, lest ye find yourselves fighting against God."

So this fiery furnace deliverance was a double vindication. It was a vindication for GOD. How did He do it? Through the fire. This is the method He used at Mt. Horeb. Elijah had God answer by fire. The Baalites cried, wailed, and screamed, but no fire fell for them. Elijah prayed a simple prayer and the fire fell. In fact, God was just waiting for Elijah to pray. The fire consumed the wood, the sacrifice, and even licked up the water in the trench and also the stones. Fire fell at Pentecost and vindicated God again.

Last, there was promotion and prosperity from the fire. Promotion

came first and then prosperity. The Hebrew children were given offices of distinction and places of rulership. Honor was given them. Out of fires of persecution comes promotion eventually to a crown of life and eternal prosperity in glory. Real and lasting promotion and prosperity come only through a spiritual process. We will have to keep humble before God to attain either.

Nebuchadnezzar did not say to the fourth one in the fire to come forth. He did not ask the Son of God to come hither. Our God says the Psalmist is a consuming fire. The king had no power to command the most high God. It would have been out of all spiritual order for such a command to be given. God alone, regardless of the situation, is most High and most powerful.

Poor Old Jacob said, "All of these things are against me," but God was working out something for his good. Joseph was on the throne, although Jacob believed him dead. So in the end Joseph triumphed and Jacob was blessed. Child of God, when you think not, just then the road is turning and the victory is in sight and just ahead.

Note that the clothes of the three were not harmed, only the cords were burned. Without a doubt the clothes were inflammable also. Why did the fire burn only the cords? God's hand was in it, because it was ONLY the cords that bound them that were consumed. This was a miracle that only God could perform. He looses us from the cords of sin but preserves our bodies and souls blameless for that great day.

Fire is a symbol of God's discipline and testing. When believers are tried again and again in the fire, for testing, it is as gold tried in the fire. Great is the element and effect of FIRE! Holy Ghost fire, true fire from God, can purge to the uttermost. Let us rather seek to be purged of all dross, so that we may become pure gold. Let us shrink not from the testing. Let us go even to the fiery furnace if need be, remembering, "Our God will deliver us!" But . . . if not . . . we WILL STILL BELIEVE AND SERVE OUR GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT REVIVAL IN HAITI

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in the highest esteem.

No doubt, the readers will be in-

terested to know that while our churches were "closed" most of them were continuing to operate. The President of Haiti had given permission for other churches there to license our ministers and continue the work under the direction of their respective denominations. Thus, the same preachers were preaching in the same churches, preaching the same doctrine and to the same congregation, only, of course, they did not feel the liberty that they had felt before the edict of the Government closing the churches.

However, in one district the church gained more than one thousand members while they were "closed." One local church with less than one hundred members at the time of the closing, now has six hundred and six believers who are worshipping regularly with them.

I have just received a cablegram from Brother Kluzit telling of the mighty revival. He says more than fifteen hundred people attended the district convention in Cayes and that God is wonderfully blessing in all the churches.

Please continue to pray, as Brother and Sister Kluzit have a real problem with the revival fire falling again and mobs gathering at the meetings, sometimes almost breaking into real violence, not through anger or with an intention to disturb, but through their great desire to get into the buildings or near enough to hear the preaching.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

At Sandpoint

The Churches of God at Long Island are moving on. I left Nassau, N. P., two years ago and reside here at my home place and am doing my best in building up the work here. My mother is the leader of the church and she does her best. I am determined to help her as the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Her baby boy is in the hospital with a broken leg. Pray for him and her, that the Lord will heal and save him. I am in the front of the battle until she returns. Saints, I am determined. I also give thanks to my friend who has sent me Evangelists. I love to read them. God bless you. Pray for me that I will ever be determined.—Leroy H. Cartwright, exhorter, Deadmans Cay, Long Island, Bah., B.W.I.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

THE SABBATH DAY CESSATION

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shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other Commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

It is impossible to please God under the old covenant (law); it failed. Now in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, we can come boldly to the throne of grace, through the everlasting covenant. Hebrews 13:20, 21, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, . . . to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

PREACHERS! DECLARING ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

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you. Are you among the pastors who take people into the church and baptize them without knowing that they have definitely had an experience of grace? Jesus said, "Repent and be baptized," and when the multitude came to John to be baptized of him he told them to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance. Luke 3:7, 8. If all your church members truly repent, then Zion will travail and sons will be born into the kingdom. Repentance *must* come before faith can come. A change of heart is as necessary as a change of mind. Do you preach a life of separation? come ye out from among the world and be a separate people? If your members partake of all the worldly things sinners partake of, what is the difference? He that loveth the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Christ said that, I'm not responsible for it, and He spoke no idle words.

Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time, without sin unto salvation. If you are really looking for Jesus, you won't be on the devil's territory. Let's cry aloud, spare not, and lift up our voices like a trumpet, and declare *all* of the counsel of God. Are you afraid to? Do you fear people, or God? Many will turn their backs on you but I'd rather that would happen than for God to laugh at my calamity or mock when my fear cometh, for woe is me if I preach not the gospel.

Watchman! what of the night?

FEBRUARY 26, 1944

There is darkness over Europe to-night. Are you humble enough to pray for our enemies—Germany and Japan? or do you say mean things about them in the pulpit as I've heard preachers do?

The Holy Ghost gave this message so do not fail to seriously consider all of it.

NORTHWEST BIBLE AND MUSIC ACADEMY

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School. These past three years have been a great help and blessing to me. In studying God's Word we are made to realize, more than ever, our responsibility and duty. I pray, that when I leave school, I will be a

blessing to others.—Lenora Stephans, Tolstoy, S. D.

I thank God for being in Bible School another year. Bible School, to me, is an opportunity to learn more about God. His Word is my comfort, peace and delight. It is prayer that makes victory complete. He makes the path grow brighter each day.—Viola Fraeschle.

The one great thought in the minds of most all our students is, "I am preparing to work for the Master." And that is as we would have it. I am delighted with their great desire to go out on the field and make their presence count for God and lost souls.—E. E. Coleman, Superintendent.



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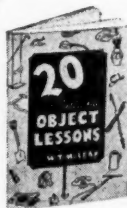


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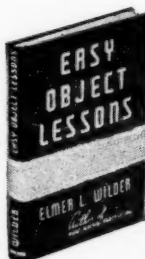


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